



# HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

## Office of the County Auditor

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

**Bill Number:**  
20-008

Agricultural Preservation  
Updates

**Sponsor:**  
Council President Vincenti  
at the request of the  
County Executive

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:**  
Undetermined

#### Summary of Legislation

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection C, Size criteria; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection E(1); to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection G, Tenant houses; and to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection I, Easement priority ranking system, all of Section 60-12, Agricultural preservation easement, of Article II, Agricultural Land Preservation and Purchase of Development Rights Program, of Chapter 60, Agriculture, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to set forth the correct reference to tenant houses in the Harford County Code; to set forth the correct reference to agricultural commercial uses in the Harford County Code; to revise the Easement Priority Ranking System; and generally relating to agricultural preservation.

The bill will take effect 60 days after it is adopted.

#### Fiscal Analysis

If approved, this bill will make several updates to the Agricultural Land Preservation and Purchase of Development Rights Program section of the County Code.

These updates include changes to criteria for small easement purchases, as well as updating references to the proper Zoning Code sections. The bill also revises the Easement Priority Ranking System to give increased weight to the Land Use Compatibility section regarding the number of development rights/family conveyances remaining on a proposed property. Amendments to the bill specify the standards for smaller parcels.

These zoning changes may impact individual property owners. In accordance with §31-6 of the County Code, a Council Member may request a fiscal impact note for zoning matters from the Director of Planning and Zoning. Accordingly, we have not determined the fiscal impact of these pieces of legislation. A fiscal note request should allow the Department at least four weeks to prepare the note.

#### Additional Information:

Version: 02

based on bill with  
amendments proposed on  
05/12/2020

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